


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Amended) A tension mask assembly, comprising:  
a tension mask having electron beam through holes;  
at least one sub-frame for tensioning the tension mask; and  
main frames welded to the tension mask, wherein each of the main frames is bent at a middle portion in a width direction, and has a portion perpendicular to the tension mask defining a partition and another portion opposite to the tension mask defining a lower plane, and wherein widths of a middle portion and of both ends of the lower plane are formed in the range of the following equation:

$$0 < \frac{w_1 - w_2}{w_2} \leq 1.0,$$

where  $w_1$  is the width of the middle portion, and  $w_2$  is the width of both ends.

2. (Previously Amended) A tension mask assembly, comprising:  
a tension mask having electron beam through holes;  
at least one sub-frame for tensioning the tension mask; and  
main frames welded to the tension mask, wherein each of the main frames has a partition perpendicular to the tension mask, a lower plane perpendicularly bent from the partition with a certain width to be opposed to the tension mask, and a support bent from the

lower plane to support the partition at the outer edge, and wherein widths of a middle portion and of both ends of the lower plane are formed in the range of the following equation:

$$0 < \frac{y_1 - y_2}{y_2} \leq 1.0,$$

where  $y_1$  is the width of the middle portion, and  $y_2$  is the width of both ends.

3. (Previously Amended) The tension mask assembly according to claim 2, wherein widths of a middle portion and both ends of the support are formed in the range of the following equation:

$$0 < \frac{d_1 - d_2}{d_2} \leq 1.0,$$

where  $d_1$  is the width of the middle portion, and  $d_2$  is the width of both ends.

4. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein the electron beam through holes are shaped as a slot or grill.

5. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein the main frames are welded to the at least one subframe.

6. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein a shape of the lower plane is one of curved, rounded, rectangular, triangular, or any combination thereof.

7. (Previously Added) A cathode ray tube containing the tension mask assembly of claim 1.

8. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 2, wherein the electron beam through holes are shaped as a slot or grill.

9. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 2, wherein the main frames are welded to the at least one subframe.

10. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 2, wherein a shape of the lower plane is one of curved, rounded, rectangular, triangular, or any combination thereof.

11. (Previously Added) A cathode ray tube containing the tension mask assembly of claim 2.

12. (Currently Amended) A tension mask assembly, comprising:

a tension mask having electron beam through holes disposed therein;

at least one sub-frame configured to support the tension mask under tension;

and

main frames attached to the tension mask, wherein each of the main frames includes a first portion extending perpendicular to the tension mask and a second portion extending perpendicular to the first portion defining a lower plane, and wherein a width of a middle portion of the lower plane is greater than a width of edge portions of the lower plane, the width of the edge portions being greater than zero.

13. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 12, wherein a shape of the lower plane is one of curved, rounded, rectangular, triangular, or any combination thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The tension mask assembly according to claim ~~22~~ 12, wherein ~~the main frames are welded to the at least one support frame~~ the at least one subframe is welded to the lower plane of the main frame.

15. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 12, wherein each of the main frames further comprises a third portion bent from the lower plane and

configured to support the first portion, such that the main frame has a triangular cross section.

16. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 12, wherein a width of a middle portion of the third portion is greater than a width of the edge portions of the third portion.

17. (Previously Added) A cathode ray tube containing the tension mask assembly of claim 12.

18. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 12, wherein the widths of the middle portion and edge portions of the second portion of the main frames satisfy the following equation:

$$0 < \frac{w_1 - w_2}{w_2} \leq \text{a first prescribed value}$$

where  $w_1$  is the width of the middle portion and  $w_2$  is the width of the edge portions.

19. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 18, wherein the first prescribed value equals 1.0.

20. (Currently Amended) The tension mask assembly according to claim ~~15~~ 12, wherein the widths of the middle portion and edge portions of the third portion of the main frames satisfy the following equation:

$$0 < \frac{d_1 - d_2}{d_2} \leq \text{a second prescribed value}$$

where  $d_1$  is the width of the middle portion and  $d_2$  is the width of the edge portions.

21. (Previously Added) The tension mask assembly according to claim 20, wherein the second prescribed value equals 1.0.

22. (New) The tension mask assembly according to claim 12, wherein the at least one subframe is attached to the lower plane of the main frame.

23. (New) The tension mask assembly according to claim 22, wherein the at least one subframe is attached to a bottom surface of the lower plane of the main frame.

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